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6 HANOVER ROAD
Reisterstown, Maryland

Private

6 HANOVER ROAD, substantially built of brick, is one of several very simple mid-nineteenth century houses, three storeys in height, with very small third-storey windows. Such structures may be single or double houses in Reisterstown, not unlike long rows of such houses elsewhere. The barn is one of the few remaining early outbuildings in Reisterstown.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6 Hanover Road

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore County

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

—DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

—STRUCTURE

—SITE

—OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

—PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

—BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

—IN PROCESS

—BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

—UNOCCUPIED

—WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

—YES: RESTRICTED

—YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

—AGRICULTURE

—MUSEUM

☒ COMMERCIAL

—PARK

—EDUCATIONAL

—PRIVATE RESIDENCE

—ENTERTAINMENT

—RELIGIOUS

—GOVERNMENT

—SCIENTIFIC

—INDUSTRIAL

—TRANSPORTATION

—MILITARY

—OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. D. D. Caples

Telephone #: 833-4699

STREET & NUMBER

Nicodemus Road

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21136

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County Courthouse

Liber #: 3978

Folio #: 129

STREET & NUMBER

Towson

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

6 Hanover Road is a three story brick house, three bays in length, closely oriented to the street to the west, with a lower three story rear wing extending behind its north end. This dwelling dates from ca. 1855-1870. Its interior was inaccessible for inspection.

A one story addition extends across its west front and north end, probably an enclosed porch. The principal entrance was probably in the southerly bay, judging from the single flue chimney which rises flush above the north gable. Second story windows are 6/6 with louvred blinds and unbonded jack arches. The small third story windows are casements, each sash having one light. The gabled roof, covered with standing-seam tin, extends beyond all walls with a broad, plain raked cornice without eave returns.

Behind the dwelling is a small frame barn, two stories in height, sheathed in board and batten. Wide doors are in the west front, facing the house, at the north end and a small door is centered in the west front; a small four light window is above and an arched window is high in the gable end. Extending from its north gable end is a small one story wing with two six-light sash.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The 1877 Atlas shows this property as the residence of George E. Ducker. It is most likely that he built the house although this can't be certain. Ducker is listed in the Atlas (Hopkins, 1877) as a merchant who had lived in Baltimore County since his birth in 1831. He was the son of Capt. Jeremiah Ducker who ran the dry goods business with Philip Reister, Jr near the vicinity of this house. (Marks op. cit., p. 77) George was educated at the Franklin Academy. In 1847 he entered the employ of Slingluff, DeVries and Co, a wholesale dry-goods merchant in Balto. City. He became a partner in the firm of William DeVries & Co in 1864. He married Anna K. Saunders of Gettysburg and had two children: Julia and Harry T. When he retired from business in 1873, he resided at this house.

When George Ducker died in 1895, his will devised the present property consisting of a little more than 2 acres, to his daughter, Julia Ducker Sears. She had married Dr Thomas E. Sears. (BC Wills, BWA 10/380) Julia apparently used the house as a source of rental income, because between the years 1895-1927 we know of two tenants: Henry Quarles Nicholson whose Maryland Monthly Magazine was published in Reisterstown for several years (1906-07) and then, Miss Ida Stockdale who lived there between 1907-1922. Miss Stockdale wrote the following about this house:

"The grounds extended to Michael's drugstore (to the south). The yard had a fence around it and on the small front gate was the sign "Silent Shade". The entrance to the road going to the barn had a large gate painted brown. The yard was filled with weeping willows and red cherry trees. In the yard next to the drug store was a small barber shop run by C. Bates and another room where cigars were manufactured by a Mr Slack and a Mr Mathias. The brick house was painted brown and the front door was not in the middle, but at the end of the porch. A porch went around the side to the dining room bay window. There was a door going into the dining room from the side porch. The front windows came down to the floor and were not very wide." (Handwritten account in possession of Louise B. Goodwin).

Julia Sears owned adjoining property (the next three houses to the north) and eventually sold the lots to George Edward Christhilf and wife Anna. They ran a store in town which was burned in 1928. No deed of sale for #6 could be found but it is assumed that this also was purchased by the Christhilfs around 1923.

In 1927, the Christhilfs apparently defaulted on the mortgage. Thomas B. Marshall, attorney, sold the property to the Saratoga Building and Land Corp. (WPC 645/405) In the same year, however, Anna I. Christhilf purchased the lot from Saratoga (CWC 649/467)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

B.C. Wills Baltimore County Court House, Towson, Md
 Land Records "
 Lillian B. Marks, Reisters Desire (Baltimore, 1975)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .79 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

James T. Wollon, AIA

NAME / TITLE

Cornelia M. Ives, Project Coordinator

June, 1979

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET & NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Maryland

STATE

21136

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Maryland

Significance continued

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In 1938, the Christilfs having again defaulted on the mortgage, the property went to Vincent T. Caples, Sr. He paid \$7000 at a public sale. (Equity Docket CWB, Jr 39/140)

In 1962, Robert Gordon Caples and Charles W. Held, the executors of Vincent T. Caples' estate sold the property to Vincent T. Caples, Jr and wife and D.D. Caples. It was used as a doctor's office by D.D. Caples until his death in 1977.



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